



One day these ponies at Helis Stock Farm, located east of Jobstown, will race on nation's

leading tracks. Some famed racers, notably Spartan Valor, were foaled and trained here.

THIS Summer may prove that the greatest dividend accruing from the New Jersey Turnpike is the drawing together of "North Jersey" and "South Jersey," which for two centuries have been almost as separate and distinct as if they were two states. The Turnpike, in cutting miles and hours from the trip, brings "South Jersey" as close to Newark as Flemington.

Take, for example, Mount Holly, the target for this first 1952 "Let's Explore" visit. A year ago few people from "North Jersey" visited the handsome old Burlington County seat; it seemed just too far away for a day's junket. Now, however, it's as close as 90 minutes' driving time — and that's without pushing beyond 40 or 45 miles an hour.

Today's trip is planned so that a family can see the attractions of Mount Holly, tour a 30-mile section of the splendid Quaker-influenced country surrounding the county seat and still return home in time for dinner. Turnpike tolls are \$1 from Newark to Mount Holly, 50 cents from the Garden State Parkway Interchange to Mount Holly.

THIS is a particularly apt year to see Mount Holly since 1952 marks the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Britannia Fire Company, the oldest volunteer fire department in the United States.



Shade trees, red brick sidewalks and attractive white porches charm visitor to Mount Holly as

he strolls along the town's wide High street with its many reminders of colonial period.

MOUNT HOLLY

There'll be big doings in Mount Holly early in July when the founding date approaches. Plans call for a week-long celebration starting July 8.

On July 11, 1752, the men of Bridgeton (as Mount Holly then was known) brought the Britannia Company into existence. Members provided their own buckets, several of which are still available for the interested person to see. The original little wooden firehouse still stands in the rear yard of the Relief Fire Company house at 15 Pine street.

Starred attraction though the fire company is in 1952, there is far more to see. The trip proves itself from the start, as the motorist leaves the Turnpike and approaches town through High street. Leafy maples line the way, shading the pavement and setting off perfectly the splendid old homes set back from the street. Beneath the trees the life of Mount Holly moves placidly on worn brick sidewalks.

THE eye is struck by the cluster of yellow brick county buildings on the right, featured by the 156-year-old court house. The building remains one of the country's outstanding examples of Georgian Colonial design and it symbolizes the age of the community, since, in a way, this court house, built in 1796, is a comparative newcomer.

Settlers came to the banks of the Rancocas River a century before the court house was built. By the time of the Revolution the thriving town was set to supply cannon and shot for the Revolution. That



Where Rancocas Creek is dammed to supply water for Mount Holly. The creek has not only

supplied water to town for 250 years but is one of state's best known canoeing streams.